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Everything looks new!

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Level 2



Today is Vasant Panchami. My parents say it is the first day of spring. Spring is the season between winter and summer. It is called Vasant Ritu in Sanskrit.



In many parts of India, people pray to the goddess of learning, music and art on this day. Many birds are sitting on the tree near my house. I think they are singing to me.



The leaves on the tree are new and shiny. Just like my new frock. Amma is also wearing a yellow sari — such a pretty colour ‘basanti’, and such a pretty name!



Grandpa wants me to plant a tree.

“But why?” I ask.

“So that you will have a friend to grow up with, Meenu,” he says. “Spring is a good season to start something new.”



We go to the garden. Grandpa and I dig a hole in the ground and plant a sapling. “How tall will it grow?” I ask him.



"Wait and watch, dear Meenu!" he says. The squirrels are chasing each other. Tingu, the cat, chases a squirrel. And I want to chase Tingu.



The garden is full of flowers.
I like the yellow roses the best and Grandpa likes the white jasmine.There is a carpet of leaves under some trees.



Many trees have flowers.
I like spring!

Everything looks so pretty in spring!



Tomorrow is Holi. School is closed for two days. We have made a huge Holika with twigs, and pieces of wood.

Some of us went to the forest and brought tesu flowers. Manu put the flowers in a tank of water. The water has turned a bright orange!



Tomorrow we will play Holi with the orange water. We will get gujia and puris to eat.

Spring is such a happy season. It is not cold, it is not hot, and it is not wet.

I can play all the time!

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Everything looks new!
(English)

So many flowers, so many colours, so many birds and squirrels chirping and jumping around Meenu! She is enchanted by nature at its best. It is spring time.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.

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